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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT: VISIT OF US NEW COM-
MUNITIES TEAM TO USSR

REF: MOSCOW 7989 AND PREVIOUS

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO A.O.
KUDRYAVTSEV, CHIEF DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING, STATE
COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE, FROM MICHAEL
H. MOSKOW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT
AND RESEARCH, HUD.

2."DEAR MR. KUDRYAVTSEV: MR. ALBERTO F. TREVINO, ADMINIST-
RATOR OF THE NEW COMMUNITIES ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND, AS YOU KNOW, CHAIRMAN
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OF THE US SUB-GROUP ON NEW COMMUNITIES HAS ASKED ME TO THANK

YOU FOR SENDING THE SOVIET SIDE'S PROPOSALS FOR THE PROGRAM FOR TOPIC IV-2 AND FOR YOUR INVITATION TO THE NEW COMMUNITIES TEAM TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 22, 1974. HE WISHES YOU TO KNOW THAT THE TEAM ACCEPTS YOUR INVITATION AND THAT IT HOPES TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT NO. 672 AT 4:20 PM ON THE 22ND.

3. MR. TREVINO'S GROUP HAS BEEN STUDYING YOUR PROPOSAL AND HE HAS THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE SCOPE OF WORK, METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED, AND THE INTERESTS OF THE US DELEGATION DURING ITS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE USSR.

4. IN REGARD TO SCOPE OF THE WORK, HE AGREES THAT INVESTIGATION OF THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING AND LOCATING NEW COMMUNITIES IS A SUBJECT OF MUTUAL CONCERN. RELATED TO THIS SUBJECT, THE US SPECIALISTS ARE INTERESTED IN: (1) WHAT APPROACHES ARE UTILIZED TO DETERMINE THE OPTIMUM USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS? (2) HOW ARE STANDARDS FOR NEW TOWNS DEVELOPED AND HOW IS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE STANDARDS EVALUATED? HE BELIEVES THAT THESE QUESTIONS ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF TOPIC IV-2 AS DEFINED IN THE PROTOCOL SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 30, 1973.

5. AS TO METHOD, MR. TREVINO BELIEVES IT IS PREMATURE TO DRAW UP A DETAILED SCHEDULE LEADING TO A JOINT PUBLICATION IN 1976. HE SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ACCOMPLISHING ONE STEP AT A TIME AND SHOULD PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS AT THIS STAGE ON THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VISITS BY EXPERTS. ONCE WE LEARN WHAT EACH SIDE HAS TO OFFER, WE SHALL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO WORK TOWARD A USEFUL PUBLICATION.

6. MR. TREVINO SUGGESTS, THEREFORE, THAT BOTH SIDES CONCENTRATE DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT ON DEFINING COMMON POINTS OF INTEREST AS THEY ARE REVEALED BY THE DISCUSSIONS AND TOUR OF SOVIET NEW TOWNS. THE RESULTING DEFINITION MIGHT THEN BE EXPANDED OR MODIFIED WHEN THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS VISIT THE US THIS FALL. SUCH A PROCEDURE SHOULD ENABLE US TO DEFINE A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAM.

7. MR. TREVINO WILL HEAD THE NEW COMMUNITIES TEAM IN JUNE.
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ITS OTHER MEMBERS ACCORDING TO THEIR MAJOR INTERESTS WILL BE: (1) METHODS OF SELECTING AND PLANNING NEW TOWNS: RICHARD D. BERRY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, EXPERIENCED URBAN DESIGNER AND PLANNER AND CONSULTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COMMUNITIES; DONALD L. HUBER, CHAIRMAN, LEAGUE OF NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS, PRESIDENT, DONALD L. HUBER DEVELOPMENT GROUP, AND OWNER, UNIVERSAL MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, SUPPLIER AND MANUFACTURER

FOR THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY; H. JOHN SCHWELLENBACH, CONSULTANT IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INCLUDING RESEARCH IN URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE US.(2) OPTIMIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES: JAMES H. KINDEL, LAWYER, INVESTOR AND PARTICIPANT IN A NUMBER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITH PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE IN SUB-DIVISION FINANCING AND ZONING PROBLEMS; RAYMOND NASHER, PRESIDENT OF RAYMOND D. NASHER COMPANY, A DEVELOPMENT FIRM DEALING WITH CONCEPTUAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF NEW COMMUNITIES, REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTERS, INDUSTRIAL PARKS, AND MEMBER, PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON URBAN HOUSING '68; JACK LARSON, VICE PRESIDENT-FINANCE OF UNION AMERICA COMPANY, WHICH IS ENGAGED IN INTERIM AND LONG-TERM CONSTRUCTION FINANCING AND REPRESENTS SOME 200 INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND MEMBER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.(3) NORMS FOR NEW COMMUNITIES AND EVALUATION: NELSON FOOTE, CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, HUNTER COLLEGE, FORMER MANAGER OF GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM, MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ADVISORY GROUP FOR COLUMBIA, MARYLAND; JACK UNDERHILL, PROGRAM EVALUATION OFFICER, NEW COMMUNITIES ADMINISTRATION, HUD, HELPED DEVELOP THE US NEW COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, EXPERIENCED PLANNED AND ADMINISTRATORY OF HUD OPEN SPACE, PRESERVATION, URBAN BEAUTIFICATION AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS. WE ASSUME THAT INTERPREATION SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

8. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US AND USSR SPECIALISTS WILL MEET AT THE OUTSET OF THE TRIP TO DEVELOP AN EXPANDED AGENDA ON TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, TO EXCHANGE EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS IN THEIR AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, AND TO BE ALERTED TO WHAT THE US TEAM WILL BE OBSERVING ON THE TOUR OF SOVIET NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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TOWNS. THE US SIDE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, AND AS MANY NEW TOWNS AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING SCHEVCHENKO BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY OF ITS CLIMATIC PROBLEMS TO THOSE OF THE US SOUTHWEST, AKADEMGORODOK AND TOGLIATTI. THE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OR TWO FREE DAYS FOR SIGHTSEEING. IT PLANS TO LEAVE THE USSR ON JULY 4TH.

9. MR. TREVINO JOINS ME IN LOOKING FORWARD TO A FRUITFUL MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS. WITH BEST REGARDS, MICHAEL H. MOSKOW, CHAIRMAN, US WORKING GROUP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT."

10. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY PLEASE REPORT KUDRYAVTSEV'S RECEIPT OF LETTER. HUD WISHES TO KNOW NAMES OF NEW TOWNS ON SOVIET ITINERARY AS SOON AS THESE SELECTED. ALSO WISHES

CONFIRMATION SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE 35 MM SLIDE PROJECTOR FOR
US PRESENTATION IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.
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